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*Conquest of the Country northwest of the River Ohio, 1778-1783, and Life of Gen. George Rogers Clark. Over one hundred and twenty-five Illustrations. With numerous Sketches of men who served under Clark and full list of those allotted lands in Clark's Grant for service in the Campaigns against the British posts, showing exact land allotted each. By William Hayden English, President Indiana Historical Society. 2 vols. 8vo. Indianapolis, Ind., and Kansas City, Mo., The Bowen-Merrill Company, 1896.*

These solid volumes contain a part of the material collected by Mr. English for a contemplated history of Indiana, to which they might have served as an introduction, had death spared the author to work out his plan.

The story of the Conquest is told at great length and with frequent digressions, all interesting in themselves, but out of place in the narrative which they interrupt. The author seems to have been embarrassed by the number of documents in his hands, as well as by the difficulty of keeping in view at the same time the biography of Clark and the events of the Conquest. There is no perspective in the composition and the attention is fatigued with unnecessary details. This is the more to be regretted that Clark was a remarkable man and that a well-written life of him would be a valuable contribution.

In the Appendix to the first volume Mr. English has printed Clark's Letter to George Mason (first published in 1869 by Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati) and Clark's Memoir, now first given to the public in full. The Memoir is without date, but Jefferson, in a letter written in 1791, speaks of Clark as then probably engaged in "writing the account of his expeditions north of Ohio."

Other papers are: A List of the Officers and Soldiers of the Illinois Regiment and the Land allotted to each; Sketches of the Men who served under Clark; Account of Clark's Brothers and Sisters; and a List of the Officers and Privates who served in the Campaigns but did not receive allotments of Land in Clark's Grant.

The work is abundantly illustrated with portraits, fac-similes, plans and diagrams, and with some not very happy sketches of historical scenes.

*Names and Their Histories. Alphabetically arranged as a Handbook of Historical Geography and Topographical Nomenclature. By Isaac Taylor, M.A., Litt. D., Hon. LL.D., Canon of York. Author of 'Words and Places.' 8vo. New York, Macmillan & Co., 1896.*

Canon Taylor says very truly, in the *Prologue* to this book, that